

most basic step that must be taken towards reining in historically high levels of spending and massive government growth.

It is time for the Senate to do their job.

#### CANCER RESEARCH

(Mr. HIGGINS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I bring to this House and the Nation great news from Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo. Roswell Park is the first comprehensive cancer institute in the entire Nation.

Today, they are launching a clinical trial to test the use of a cancer vaccine as therapy to kill cancer cells and to prevent a relapse of the disease. The vaccine is designed to boost the body's immune system to fight and destroy cancer cells.

The vaccine has shown early promise in treating ovarian, bladder, brain, and breast cancer. The vaccine's exciting potential is a direct result of many years of cancer research. For cancer research to be effective, it has to be sustained over the longer term. It can't stop and start because you lose promising research and promising researchers.

So my message to Congress today is that the only failure in cancer research is when you quit or you're forced to quit because of a lack of funding. I urge my colleagues to fully fund cancer research in the 2012 budget.

#### SENATE MUST PASS A BUDGET

(Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today is day 1,000; 1,000 days since the Senate Democrats last passed a budget.

To put that in perspective, I asked my Twitter followers and my Facebook friends to tell me what they've done in the last 1,000 days. I'd like to share some of the comments.

One says, Between my home and my small business, over 60 monthly budgets have been taken care of, and they are getting harder and harder to balance.

Another said, Cut our family debt by \$60,000 in 1 year, removed two car payments, and finished my bachelor's degree while working full time being a father and getting ready for a business launch.

Another said, Finished 75 college credits, watched over 100 films, directed 16 hours of TV, and tutored over 1,000 hours.

Final one. My son made one overseas deployment, started his second one, finished his master's degree at Georgia Tech since the last budget.

Mr. Speaker, one thing is very clear: The American people are working hard. The House of Representatives, we are

working hard with 27 jobs bills and counting fast. The only question, Mr. Speaker, is when will the Senate join us.

#### PRIORITIES AS A CONGRESS

(Ms. FUDGE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FUDGE. Today I rise to address the importance of setting our priorities as a Congress.

It seems that some of my colleagues have lost sight of what is important. We should be focused on putting teachers, firefighters, and construction workers back to work; creating jobs by investing in infrastructure; improving America's schools; giving the middle class a tax cut; putting money in the pockets of consumers; helping small businesses thrive and grow; keeping Americans in their homes; committing to our veterans and making sure they can get jobs when they return from duty; protecting Social Security and Medicare; and making sure we are investing in this great Nation so our children have an opportunity to get ahead.

It's time we take a step back and re-evaluate our priorities. The American people deserve it.

#### NATIONAL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK

(Mr. HULTGREN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support National School Choice Week.

School choice means empowering families to make the best decision for their students and helping them learn in an environment that best suits their child's needs and interests. We must work to ensure that every student has access to quality, public education, but some families may choose alternatives like charter schools, private schools, or home schools.

State and local governments, as well as the Federal Government, should do their part to pass legislation making it easier for students to choose the school that best suits them.

My wife and I have tried to choose the schooling that is best for our children, and I trust that our decision will help them have the best education possible.

I want all families and all students to have that same opportunity, choosing the education forum that best suits their students.

#### YEARLONG EXTENSION OF MIDDLE CLASS TAX CUTS

(Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, for every single

job that is created, there are four people waiting for that job. So I rise today, Mr. Speaker, to voice my support for a yearlong extension of the payroll tax cut for middle class Americans.

Unfortunately, my Republican colleagues tried until the very last minute to raise taxes on the middle class just before the holidays. But the American people spoke up and let the Congress know that they would not stand for it.

We cannot wait for another last-minute fix. We need a yearlong extension of the payroll taxes and unemployment insurance now. We cannot afford to take more risks with the incomes of more than 160 million Americans the way the Republicans did in 2011.

Remember, we need to create jobs. There are four people for every one job there is. That means we need more jobs. That means we need to support the President's jobs bill.

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#### BUDGET

(Mr. BILIRAKIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I am here today to speak about something that is nearly 3 years in the making. Some 1,000 days ago, in April of 2009, the Senate passed a budget, and that's the last time we've seen any attempt from them to set Washington's agenda and rein in government spending.

Without a budget, how can government set its priorities? Without priorities, how can American citizens have any confidence in how their tax dollars are being used? The short answer is they can't.

With a \$15 trillion debt, the United States faces its greatest fiscal challenge in history. Washington must find a way to get its finances in order while preserving programs for our seniors, protecting our services for future generations, and providing our economy with the certainty to create much needed jobs in America.

The House will soon pass a budget that does this, and I urge the President to call for action during tonight's State of the Union address.

#### HONORING JANUARY 28 GROUP

(Mr. CARNAHAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, this Saturday, January 28 at noon, Iraq war veterans will be honored by a returning heroes parade in downtown St. Louis. This is significant not only because these war veterans deserve this welcome home, but because St. Louis is the first city in the Nation to hold such an event.

The organizers are simply called the January 28 Group, a grassroots organization which launched a social network